

State of Montana Project Management



The Right Information at the Right Time

No matter what your role in a project is, you need accurate, relevant information in a timely manner. If that information is available in a visual format, all the better.

Key information provided in a visual format allows you to consume information at a glance. Charts, graphs, key performance indicators and visual progress indicators allow you to easily determine which areas of the project need a deeper review.

Add the alerting capabilities to PM Central data and your data will alert you when attention is needed.



A collaborative workspace
for you, your team, and your boss.

A holistic approach to project management

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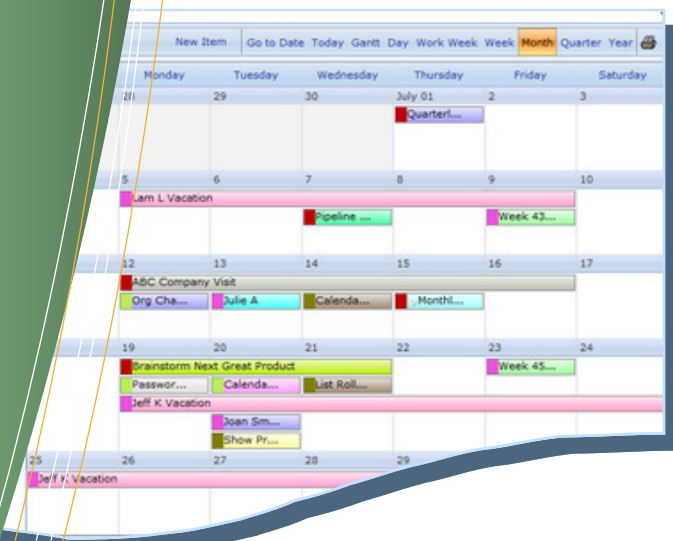
PM CENTRAL TRAINING

* FREE *

PM Central training opportunities are being provided by the State PMO.

Current training:

- PM Central setup
- Manage a project in PM Central
- Using PM Central Task Manager
- Manage your office in PM Central



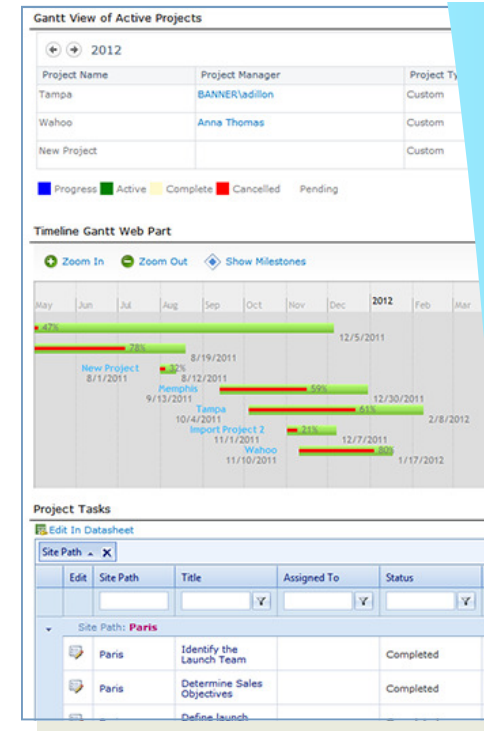
Real-time Data at a Glance

DON'T JUST COLLECT IT, USE IT

PM Central doesn't just collect and store information. Using the information stored in PM Central, you can provide your teams and executive management with the information they need to get the job done.

Team Members: Team members can see at-a-glance what their responsibilities for the project are. Team members have the ability to update the status of their assigned tasks and view the relationship between their tasks and other tasks in the project.

Management: Project and portfolio dashboards provide management with a visual representation of the business they manage. Information within the dashboards links to the data allowing managers to drill-down further so they can get a closer look at what is happening within a specific project or program. Dashboards are customizable to meet varying management needs. Real-time data provides managers the ability to quickly take corrective actions.



90% of Project Management is Communication

Holistic approach to PM

A common misunderstanding is that a project schedule is the same as a project management (PM) plan. Life would be easier if developing a schedule equaled project success but in reality, it is only one of many components in a PM plan. The PM plan also includes details on how communications, changes, risks, quality, costs, and responsibilities will be managed.

PM Central supports this plan by enabling the documentation, tracking, and monitoring of these components. Having up-to-date project information that is easily accessible is key to effective communications, thereby improving the chances of project success.

PM Central assists with effective project communications by being...

- Easier: Post in one place, share with the entire team
- Relevant: Real-time data ensures decisions can be made with up-to-date information
- Visual: A picture is worth a thousand words and PM Central is designed to display data visually
- Accessible: Information is provided in one place to all team members

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Project success is influenced by having access to team members who fit the task at hand. Without resource management capabilities, it is difficult to know what your resource needs are and how best to allocate those resources. Over-allocating resources can lead to project

Resource Name	Project	'Jan 2011	'Feb 2011	'Mar 2011	'Apr 2011	'May 2011
Resource: Nate Sullivan						
	Capacity	216	224	248	240	248
	Work	0	0	0	0	0
	Availability	216	224	248	240	248
Resource: Wes Bryan						
	Capacity	216	224	248	240	248
	Work	0	0	0	0	0
	Availability	216	224	248	240	248

delays, misunderstandings about project priorities and underused or exhausted resources. PM Central provides integrated time management, resource cost tracking, capacity planning and custom resource reporting. Management and project managers have the capability to visually see which resources are available for projects and which resources need a vacation.



CUSTOM SOLUTIONS

PM Central can be customized

Build dashboards to meet your specific information needs

Use a few PM Central parts or all of them

Use workflows to automate your project management processes



WEB SOLUTIONS

PM Central is available through any web browser

PM Central is updated and managed at the farm level saving you time and resources

PM Central is available from SITSD via SharePoint Platinum service



COLLABORATION

Share data between PM Central and other tools

Share information between your PM Central deployment and other PM Central deployments

Share PM Central templates with other PM Central users